COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, *the* 1st of August 1929.
17th of Karkadagam 1104.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, S. S. Koder, C. A. Kunjunni Raja and Ouseph P. Kundukulam were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Olarikkara Depressed Classes Aided School.

91. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the boys of class III of the Depressed Classes Aided School at Olarikkara near Trichur were kept in that aided school in the school year 1103—1104 and has the Director of Public Instruction given sanction for opening class III there in the school year 1103—1104; has the Manager of the said school carried out the orders of the Director of Public Instruction with regard to this matter; who was the Manager of the said school in the school year 1103—1104;

(b) whether there was any complaint from the Manager of Saraswati Vilasam School with regard to the keeping of boys of class III in the Depressed Classes Aided School at Olarikkara; if so, what were the orders of the Director of Public Instruction about this?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) It is reported that pupils were kept on in class III though sanction was not accorded to open the class. The Manager petitioned again praying for the continuance of the class when he was informed that orders already issued should be complied with.

Mr. C. R. Devassy.

(b) Yes. The Manager was informed that the Olarikkara School was specially intended for Depressed Classes and since there were no such pupils in class III of the school it had not been recognised.

Report of the Special Officer to survey the Forests.

92. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what the report of the Special Officers appointed to survey the forests to be tapped by the Tram is?

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Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The report is under the consideration of the Government. It cannot be published now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When did he submit his report to the Government?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—At the middle of Mithunam.

College admissions.

93. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many seats there are in each of the sections or groups of the University classes in the Maharaja's College;

(b) whether the Principal is bound to admit *all bona fide Cochin students* who seek admission into the College classes if there is accommodation in preference to students coming from outside;

(c) whether the Principal has the power to reject any Cochin student possessing the minimum required qualification and who has applied in time, provided there is accommodation;

(d) whether the Principal is to be guided in the matter of admitting students by the rule that *in no case* is a non-Cochinite to be preferred to a Cochinite even where the latter possesses only minimum qualification;

(e) whether the Principal is the final authority in the matter of making admissions or refusing admissions?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

		1st Year Class.	
(a)	Group.	I Mathematics	72
	,,	II Natural Science	36
	,,	III History	60
		3rd Year Class.	
	Group.	i-B Mathematics	24
	,,	ii-B Physics	24
	,,	ii-C Chemistry	16
	,,	ii-E Zoology	16
	,,	IV a & b (History and Economics)	40 each

(b) Yes; provided the students satisfy the general rules of admission to College classes.

(c) No, unless there are special circumstances.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes, subject to the control of higher authorities.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(b). May I know whether there has been any instance where a student was refused admission this year for not complying with the requirements of admission to the College?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Require notice.

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